

FACTS

For HOMESEEEKERS and
INVESTORS about the

Garden Spot of
CALIFORNIA

Kings County



ARE YOU A FARMER?

If so you want to live and work---

Where you can make the most
money.

Where the climate is healthful.

Where yourself and family can
find the most comfort.

Where there are educational fa-
cilities for your children.

You can find all of these, and more, in
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ARE YOU SEEKING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES?

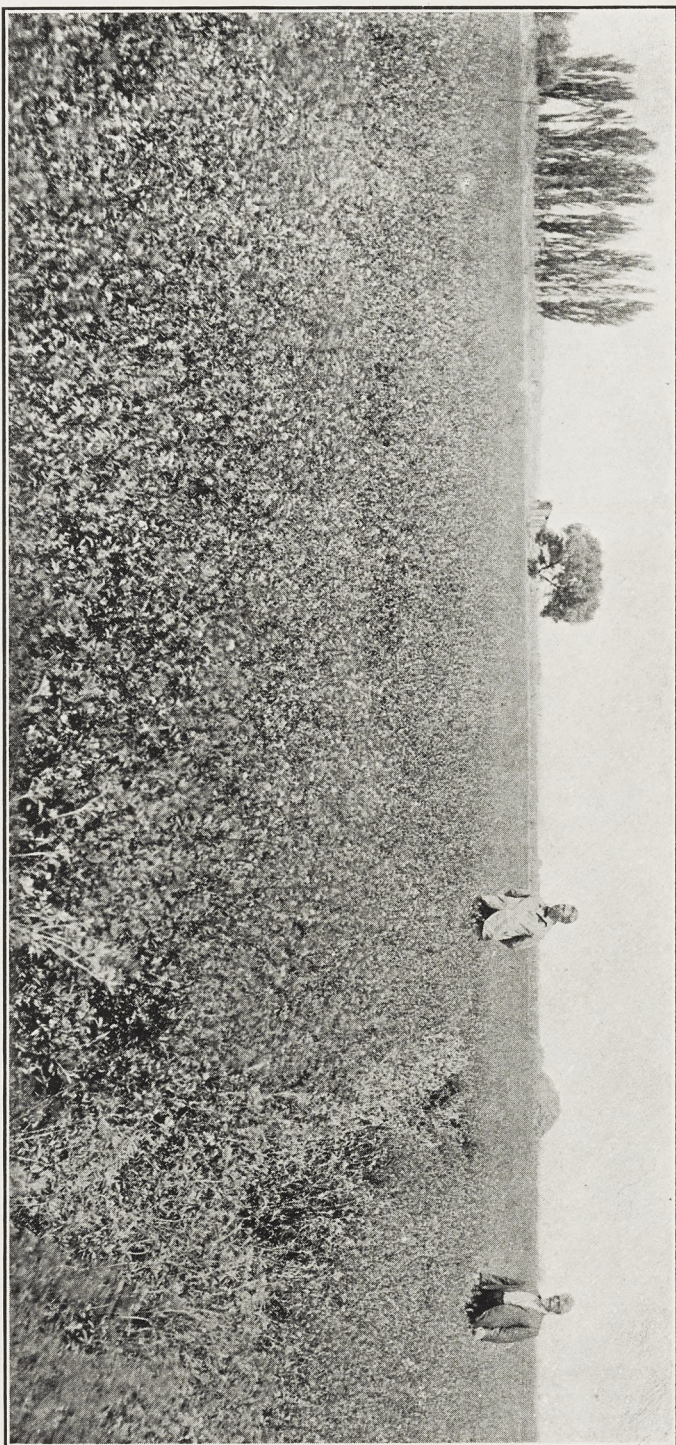
PEOPLE who have long remained in one particular part of the United States often are taken with a desire to make a change. A change, at least once or twice in a lifetime is desirable even in our glorious American Republic. In the countries of Europe the desire to get to America has been active for many years. The Middle West filled up with Europeans and eastern Americans who took advantage of the early times and choice of locations and they settled down and thrived. They brought forth new generations, and "the west" still presented a strong appeal to the younger men and women. Hence, as California and other Pacific States represent the western end of the West so far as this American continent is concerned, the thousands who are seeking a change have their eye upon California as an objective point. This State is an empire in itself, yet it has less people in its confines than has the city of Chicago. The desire of the people to seek new pastures, however, is filling up California, and her greatly increased population during the past decade tells the story of immigration and reveals many thousands of new and prosperous homes, free from the rigor of eastern winters, the terrors of summer cyclones, and the discouragements that come from drought, fruit pests and those agencies of nature which often render the labor of the husbandman fruitless.

CALIFORNIA offers the home seeker the great opportunity of today. Are you one of the "seekers?" If so, do not delay. The opportunity is here. The advent of commercial activities through the Panama Canal to be soon completed will add an impetus to investments in this State that will work wonders. Land values will jump, and opportunities for early and advantageous investments will decrease as they are gobbled up by the wise men who break away from their old confinements and accept the splendid chances now open on this Western coast.

KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA has 58 counties which represent almost every variety of climate, scenery and industrial activities. The several counties have agriculture,—that is, grain, live stock, dairying, fruits of all kinds and poultry raising. Mining, manufacture, pleasure resorts, sea beaches, lumbering, etc. But what are you seeking?

One of the Very Best Alfalfa Sec-
tions in the State.



AGRICULTURE LEADS

THROUGH all history we are admonished that "the farmer feeds us all." Agriculture has been and is today the great bulwark of our nation, for that industry is the grainary, the pantry and the kitchen of all mankind, and he who owns and keeps a piece of good real estate and improves it with his industry well exerted will be the independent man of the future, the man who can face adverse times of the money world, and laugh in the face of that discouragement which often meets those who are landless and unproductive of that increment which feeds the masses.

Kings county is pre-eminently an agricultural country, producing in astonishing abundance almost every cereal and

APRICOT ORCHARD OWNED BY DAVID PORTER. TREES EIGHTEEN MONTHS OLD



Dairying is a Most Profitable Industry with Sure Results.



deciduous fruit and garden truck known to the catalogues. Wheat, barley, oats, Indian corn, Kaffir corn, rye, flax, rice and cotton; all do exceedingly well. Above all it is the home of alfalfa, that unequalled forage plant which is the father of the successful dairy, the mother of live stock raising, the mother-in-law of the poultry raiser and the self-nourishing crop of all land on which it grows. Kings county's alfalfa fields are broad and numerous, producing from four to five heavy cuttings per annum. No wonder that dairymen from many states are coming to buy this Kings county land where water from the canals taken from the rivers which are fed by the everlasting snows of the Sierra Nevada mountains is abundant for surface irrigation, and to fill an underground strata underlying practically the whole county with an artesian reservoir which is easily tapped with wells that flow if sunk to a depth of from 500 to 1000 feet, and furnishes an endless supply of water for pumps at a depth of from 20 to 40 feet, to be poured out upon the soil by pumps

run by gasoline engines or electric motors, facilities for which are already at hand.

These are the conditions today existing in Kings county, a county in the center of the State of California, with its county seat at Hanford, on the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads, midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The county has an area of 1375 square miles; a population of 16,230 (13th U. S. census); and an assessed valuation of \$13,160,692. The county is entirely free from bonded indebtedness, has good public buildings, and a county government well and economically administered.

NO BOOM.

KINGS COUNTY is not a "boom" county, but is enjoying a gradual and substantial growth.

Leading Industries Are: Dairying and raising of live stock—cows, horses, mules, hogs and sheep. High class stock is the cry of all those interested in this industry.

Fruit raising—raisin, wine and table grapes; peaches, prunes, figs, nectarines, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, etc.*

General farming: Wheat, barley, oats, alfalfa, corn, sugar beets, etc.

Garden truck of all varieties.



SOME KINGS COUNTY GRAPES

Schools, Churches, Fraternities.

THE COUNTY SEAT, HANFORD, with 6000 people, and Lemoore, Armona, Grangeville, Corcoran, Hardwick, Stratford and Guernsey, smaller towns, are all supplied with churches of all leading denominations; high class of grammar and high schools, fraternal lodges of nearly every name.

CLIMATE.

IN NO OTHER PART of the State will one find so many delightful days and nights the year through. Very little frost in winter, and the grass grows green the year 'round. It is a healthful country, the death rate being the lowest of any county in the State, averaging about ten to the 1000 per annum, as shown by the health reports.

In this brief folder we are not able to tell you more. Did space permit a great volume of undisputable facts might be laid before any reader who had time to peruse it. But if this should fall into the hands of a seeker for an investment in the richest agricultural spot in the world, and such individual is enough interested to inquire further of the party whose name and address is on the title page of this folder, he will be further enlightened. The references given are absolutely reliable and I invite investigation.



PEACH ORCHARD IN FULL BLOOM

A FAIR SAMPLE OF WHAT IS BEING PRODUCED

How Is This for Farming Here?

Just to give the people away from here an idea of what a small ranch will do, we will say that one 46-acre ranch near Hanford has about three-fourths of the area in bearing fruit trees and raisin grapes, and the owner leased it on halves—he getting one-half of the proceeds, and the renter the other half and doing the work. Well, this owner will net \$3000 from that little ranch, and the renter will make good money. Thus we see that the 46 acres will return at least \$6000.

Anybody who is skeptical is at liberty to inquire the name and location, and we will give them to him.—Hanford Sentinel.

A Productive Orchard

The Sentinel has been printing items about the production of peach orchards in the vicinity of Hanford, and we have made some statements that we believe the Eastern readers of the Sentinel will dispute, but in every instance we absolutely know that we have been truthful. Now here is another one. A Verkuyl, who bought part of the old Scott Camp ranch, five miles west of Hanford, has sold to the California Cannery Association and delivered to the cannery in this city the fruit off of his 260 peach trees, orange and lemon clings, \$1,996.35 worth of fruit, and the check for that amount is under the gaze of the writer of this as the notes are being taken. Mr. Verkuyl states that from these 260 trees he has sold \$8.75 worth of fruit to private parties and had to take back \$12 worth from the cannery because of over-ripeness. That makes a total of \$2,017.10 worth of product from the 260 trees which are planted in rows 20x20 feet, or 108 trees to the acre. —Hanford Sentinel.

Good Returns

The following item shows what a Kings county orchard can do. In Mark Bassett's orchard near Hanford are 140 Tuscan Cling peach trees, from which he picked 30 tons of fine fruit and sold under contract to the cannery. At the highest contract price those peaches would have brought him \$1500, and as those 140 trees are on less than an acre and a half of ground, we submit that the crop was a paying one.—Hanford Sentinel.

Mr. J. C. Rice, whose farm is about two miles northeast of Hanford, gives us for publication the products of his raisin vines and trees, and he may be proud of the returns:

His 28 acres of raisin vines brought in this year \$4620 in raisins and he estimates that the second crop will bring in \$280 from the winery, making a gross return of \$4900 from the 28 acres. He had 42 tons of raisins, which brought \$110 a ton. His prune trees, of which he has three acres, yielded 9 tons, and these sold at \$80 a ton, or a total of \$720 for prunes. One ton of dried apricots brought him \$450, and three tons of dried peaches brought \$660, making a net return from fruit and raisins of \$6730 this year. Mr. Rice has a nice alfalfa and grain growing spot besides and this item is only regarding the few acres in fruit and vines.—Hanford Sentinel.

The Fifth Hay Cutting

J. C. Rice on November 7th, finished his haying for the season. He took off five crops from his alfalfa field, and had all of them well cured. He thinks a country where one can harvest hay until the 7th of November and get five crops is a pretty good country.—Hanford Sentinel.

A Good Harvest

In the year 1908 I bought $12\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land about 3 miles northwest of Hanford, Cal., with 10 acres of muscat vines in bearing. That same year I harvested from the 10 acres over 16 tons of raisins; in the year 1909 over 17 tons and in the year 1910 over $18\frac{1}{2}$ tons of raisins. Each year I have sold in addition to the raisins about one ton per acre of second crop green grapes.

J. R. ENGLEBECK.

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In either event it will
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